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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Request for ACDA Reconnaissance Support

REFERENCE : USDA memorandum, Same Subject, dated 3 September 1969

1. I have reviewed reference memorandum and recommend the following action:

a. ICRS staff prepare a [REDACTED] target deck of the requested targets.

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b. Target Deck be forwarded to the NRO to determine:

1. Those targets that are not in conflict with any active COMIREX targets under any condition.

2. Where a conflict exists identify the specific COMIREX target(s) and which ACDA target it is in conflict with.

c. After steps a. and b. have been accomplished:

1. Have ACDA brief COMIREX on Field Test 51.

2. Advise COMIREX that FT-51 will be supported:

a) To the maximum extent possible on those objectives which do not conflict with COMIREX targets. I wouldn't see any problem here since, for the time frame under consideration, we will not be film limited. DIA might have some objections since 72 objectives would take up part of our 10,000 target capacity at the expense of Category 14 or 11 (MC&G) targets.

b) ACDA targets in conflict with active COMIREX targets could be examined on a mission to mission basis to determine if the intelligence requirement was such that some of the ACDA requirements could be programmed.

d. Assign Chairman ICRS responsibility for insuring above recommendations are adhered to including responsibility for direct coordination with ACDA.

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2. I am aware that [] did a quick evaluation of what could be expected in terms of [] coverage, however, I believe that was done in general terms and would not provide the specific answers needed. I should also point out that we won't get all the answers from any simulations that the NRO will do in response to recommendation b above, since actual orbits attained will change "conflict" circumstances from the simulated missions. 25X1 25X1

3. I would like to emphasize the importance of close coordination with ACDA to achieve optimum results from the [] photography. As you recall, we supported a similar but much smaller scale exercise last summer [] with reasonably good results. One of the major problems, from my standpoint, was coordinating time of satellite planned photography with the ACDA responsible person []. This was done by telecon and quite difficult for a number of reasons - difference in local times, atmospherics making conversation difficult, security, etc. I would recommend we establish better coordination and communications links with the proper ACDA personnel - perhaps by cable. 25X1 25X1 25X1

4. I would plan on keeping COMIREX advised with a post mission recap of accomplishments after each [] mission. 25X1

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○ Attached memorandum prepared by ACDA after several conversations with members of your staff.

IF you believe COMIREX approval necessary, perhaps we can discuss at our next meeting. otherwise, maybe [redacted] can handle.

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ACDA understands that coverage would be acquired on basis non-interference with intelligence mission.

○ Thanks.

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